

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2698
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations
and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2698 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an appeal process for persons adversely
affected by an action or decision of the Hawaii
Community Development Authority; and
- (2) Require additional public notice, public input, and
studies prior to the Authority's approval of development
projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from UNITE HERE, Local 5; Malama Makaha; and 44 individuals. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
the Hawai'i Construction Alliance, Plumbers and Fitters UA Local
675, and Hawaii Laborers' Union. Your Committee received comments
on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; The
Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; Kamehameha Schools; The Pacific
Resource Partnership; Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.; Hawaii Regional
Council of Carpenters; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Legislature established the
Hawaii Community Development Authority in 1976 as a public entity

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to plan new and innovative forms of urban redevelopment and renewal to meet certain community needs, especially the provision of low- and moderate-income housing located in residential and mixed-use areas with sufficient public facilities and services. To ensure that comprehensive and coordinated development plans were executed by and for the community, the Authority was explicitly required to engage affected communities in area development plans and projects.

Your Committee further finds that development projects that do not comply either with legislative goals or the applicable development plans established for community development districts have been permitted, sometimes on an accelerated basis. The approval processes for proposed projects also lack accountability and transparency which are to the detriment of the communities affected.

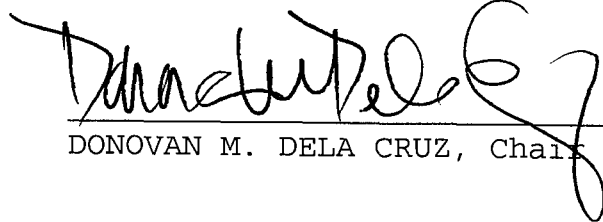
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending language to allow a person adversely affected by an action or decision of the Hawaii Community Development Authority to file a petition for reconsideration, instead of a contested case proceeding, within thirty days of the action or decision and have the option for judicial review; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2698, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2698, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development, Government
Operations and Housing,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



Record of Votes
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